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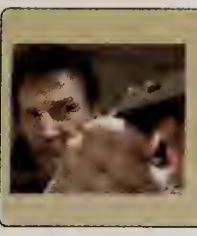

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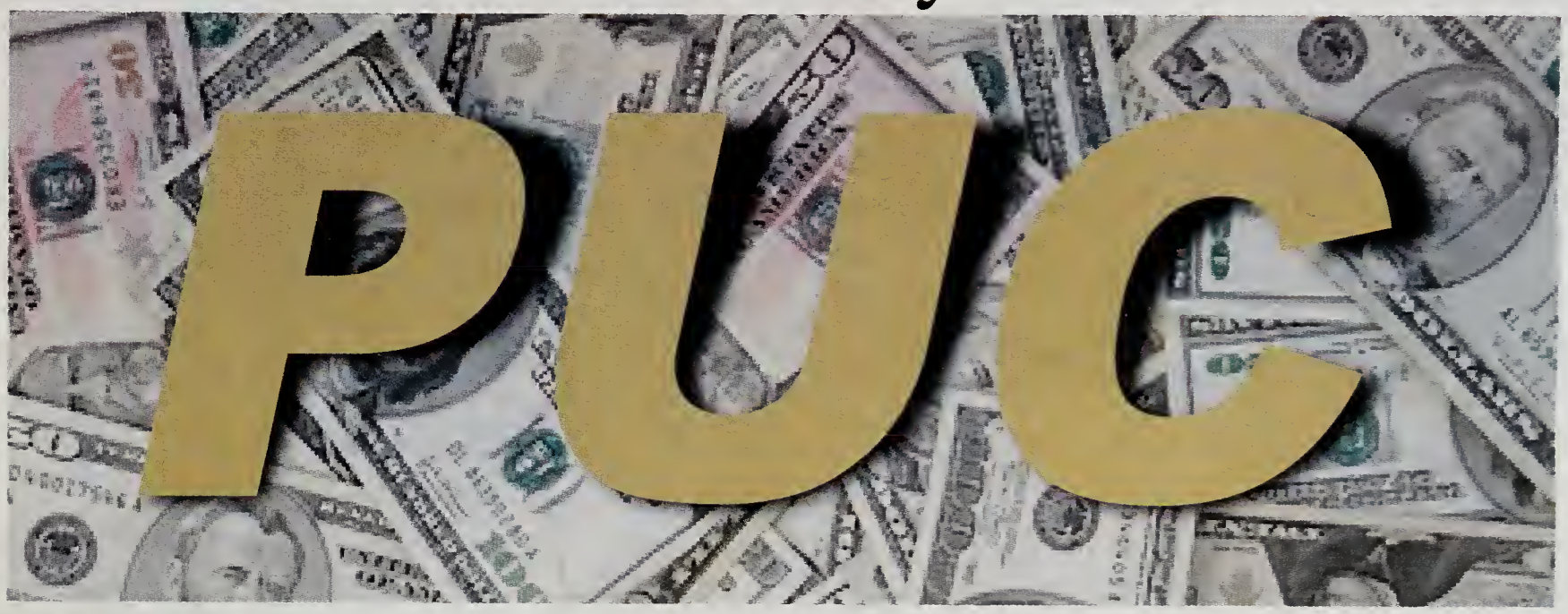

Howard Cohen

Ken Johnston

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Some students wonder how the economy will mean for their education and bills at PUC. University administrators have released information on how the economy will affect PUC.

Chancellor Howard Cohen released an information bulletin to the PUC community early last month explaining the steps being taken to combat the poor economy.

For the state of Indiana, Gov. Mitch Daniels said there would be a mid-year reduction in state appropriations. This will mean a reduction of one percent to PUC.

The 2008-2009 reduction will amount to $282,127. Also, the state supported Repair and Rehabilitation payment of $552,086 is being eliminated and the remaining prior year deferred appropriation of $632,669 will not be made this year. In short, this year's state funds have been reduced by $1,466,882, according to Cohen.

Despite this reduction in funds for the university, administrators and faculty are fairly confident students will not be greatly affected.

Ken Johnston, the vice chancellor of administrative services, oversees the university's budget and payroll. He said the recent reductions will not have many negative consequences for the university.

He said the reduction in appropriations will be taken care of by reserves PUC has set aside for such occasions.

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Students celebrate Chinese New Year

Andrea Drac
Staff Writer

On Saturday, over 500 students, faculty and their families gathered in PUC'S Alumni Hall to celebrate the Chinese New Year, which officially began on Monday January, 26. The event, which was sponsored by the PUC Chinese Student Association and the NWI Chinese School/Network, had over 500 Chinese and domestic people in attendance.

After some opening words by CSA President, Ziang Zhang, PUC'S very own Chancellor Howard Cohen and Wei Zou, principal of the NWI Chinese School, the show began. The show consisted of singing acts done by the NWI Chinese School and PUC Chinese students and faculty. There was also a sprinkle of American culture during the show when Aeril Wang sang a solo for the song, "I Love Rock and Roll".

There were also many dancing acts. A Tibetan dance was done by PUC students, as well as Taiqi

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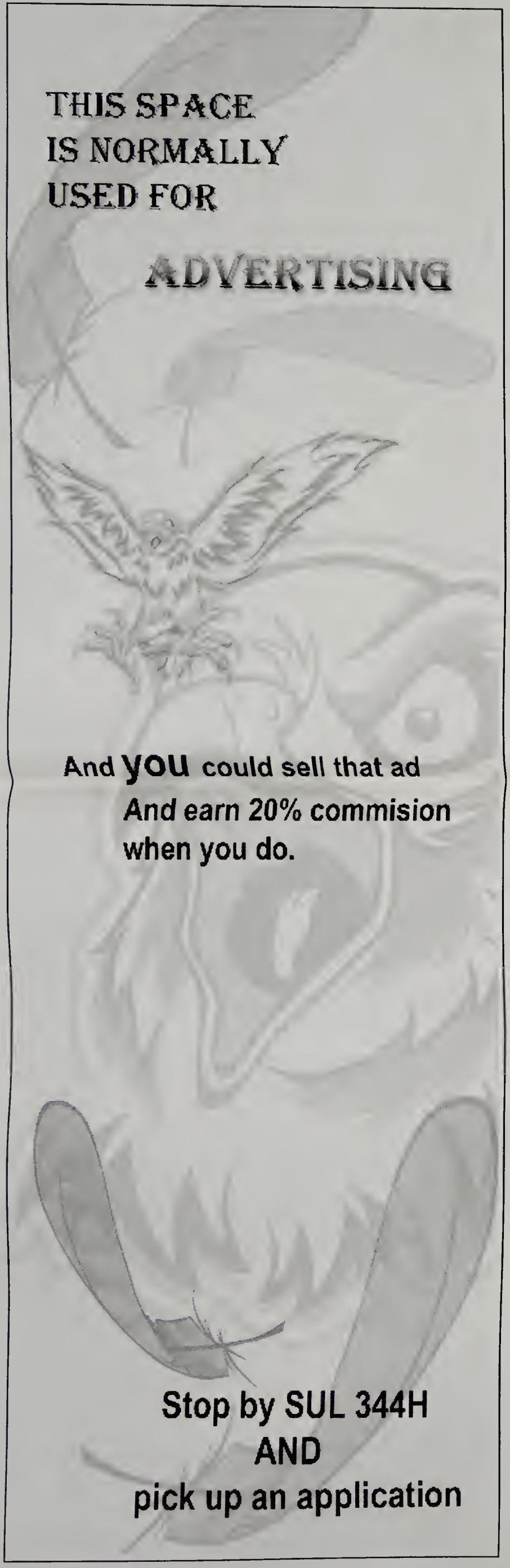
Left: Yunzhu Zhang in traditional Chinese dress as part of a Chinese opera performance in Alumni Hall this past Saturday.

Above: The PUC Vocal Ensemble performed a welcoming song for attendees. They sang "Welcome to Beijing."



What's Going On?

A Look Around...

Writing Center presents an interactive MLA workshop

The Writing Center presents MLA Documentation and Style, which is an interactive workshop on how to use MLA documentation format when writing academic papers. PUC students and community members may attend on either Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 6:30 p.m. or Thursday, Feb. 26 at 12:30 p.m. in the Writing Center computer lab – CLO 263. Each free session will last approximately 90 minutes. Participants who have copies are encouraged to bring their The Little, Brown Handbook and/or The Simon and Schuster Handbook for Writers. For more information, or to RSVP for a session, call the Writing Center at 219/989-2200. Space is limited, so those interested are encouraged to make reservations early.

Writing Center presents an interactive workshop

The Writing Center presents Microsoft Word 101, an interactive workshop on how to use Microsoft Word 2007 to format an academic paper. PUC students and community members may attend on Tuesday, Feb. 3 at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 12:30 p.m. in the Writing Center computer lab – CLO 263. Each free session will last approximately 90 minutes. For more information, or to RSVP for a session, call the Writing Center at 219/989-2200. Space is limited, so those interested are encouraged to make reservations early.

New International Film Series

A new International Film Series focusing on animation will begin in February. All films will be shown at 6:30 p.m. in CLO 110 on Wednesdays and YJean Chambers Hall on Thursday. Films are always shown in their original languages with English subtitles.

The first film will be shown Wednesday, Feb. 4. The movie is "Persepolis," which focuses a child's perspective on life in Iran during and after the Islamic Revolution.

2009 Career and Internship Fair

Students of all majors are encouraged to come meet prospective future employers at the annual career and internship fair. Please dress to impress and bring plenty of your resumes. The event will be held on Feb. 6 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the gym.

For more information, contact (219) 989-2600

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Schlumberger Technology Information Session

Anyone interested in learning more about Schlumberger Technology Corporation and potentially seeking a job with them is welcome to attend the session. It will meet Feb. 6 at the Calumet Conference Center in room 121 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, refer to www.slb.com/careers

Vanity Modeling Troupe Fashion Show

A fashion show will be shown by the Vanity Modeling Troupe in Alumni Hall located on the third floor of the SUL building. The event takes place Feb. 13 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Tickets cost $7 in advance and $10 at the door.

For more information, contact Angel Pearson at apearson@calumet.purdue.edu

Eating Disorders Awareness

Free screening surveys for eating disorders will be offered by the Counseling Center Feb. 23-26 in the SUL Concourse. Surveys will be offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Confidential feedback information will be given back to participants.

For more information, contact the Counseling Center at (219) 989-2366

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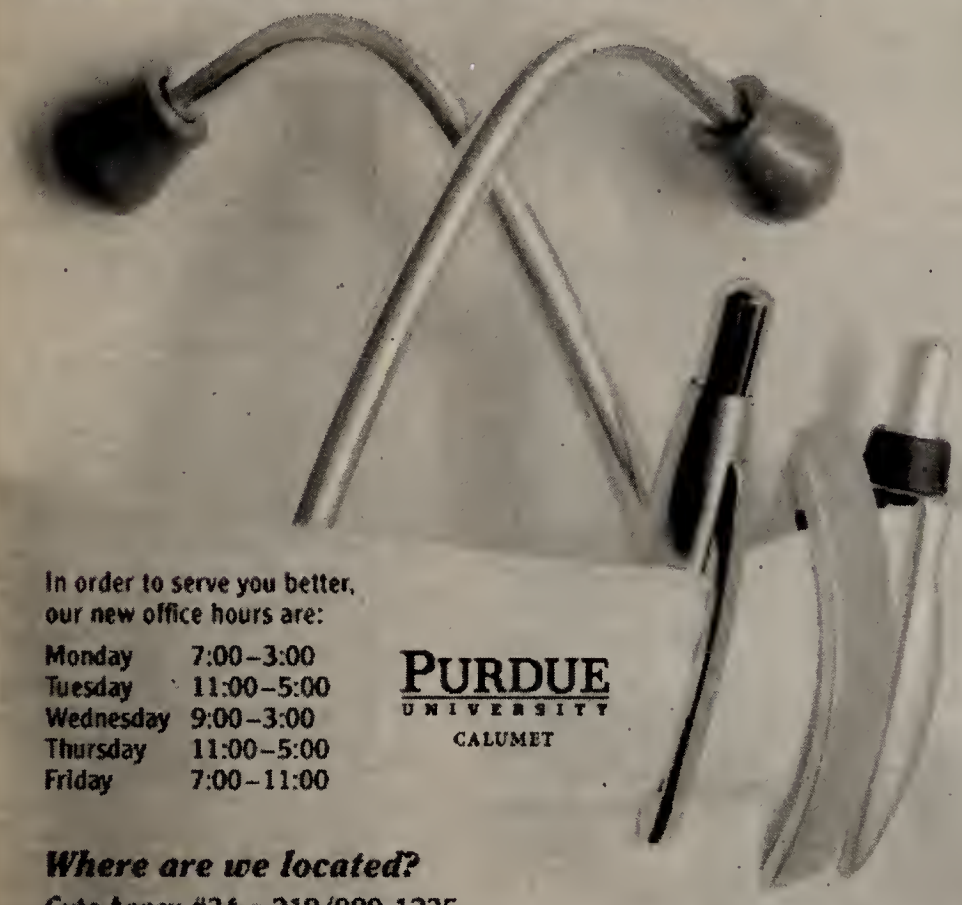

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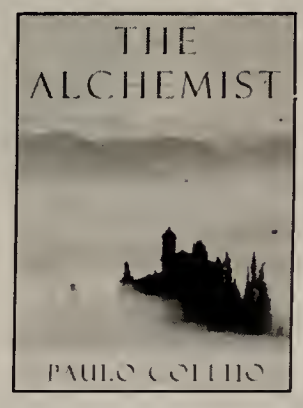
Reading with the chancellor



"The Alchemist" is the second book being discussed in Cohen's reading circle. There will be more as the semester goes on.

Jena Dines
Chronicle Correspondent

Chancellor Howard Cohen will be welcoming 16 students and three faculty members to his home Feb. 5 to discuss the book "The Alchemist," by Paulo Coelho. It is the second book of three chosen for the Chancellor's Reading Circle this school year.

"The event is intended to provoke discussion outside of a classroom setting," said Cohen.

In addition, the goal is to expand opportunities for interaction among students and faculty. Cohen said three faculty members are chosen to select the books the group will read.

Thomas Roach, associate professor of communications, *Nicoleta Tarfulea*, assistant professor of applied mathematics and Libby Pelter, associate professor of chemistry selected the books this school year.

Cohen said Tarfulea chose "The Alchemist" because of her 18-year-old son's engagement and the reactions to it. The book is an extended fable with the moral that everyone should reach for his or her dreams.

"We try to select books that are short and that are easy to read because we want to have time for everyone to share their thoughts and ideas," said Cohen.

At the discussion, everyone takes a couple of minutes to tell the group what they thought of the book and to point out specific spots that sparked interest in them. The group remains small so each individual can participate without there being any lecturing said Cohen. The event usually lasts around two hours.

This event is in high demand, said Cohen. Students receive a copy of the book when they sign up.

Julia Reyes, a freshman studying psychology, said she was unable to sign up because *the event filled up so fast. She* said she thought the experience would have been very interesting because the chancellor will be among the students discussing the book.

Reyes said she would be a little nervous being in the chancellor's home, but that it would be an important part of the experience.

The next book to be discussed is "Generations: The History of America's Future, 1584 to 2069." Its discussion day will be April 7.

What's PUC up to?

A look at 9 students' facebook.com statuses from the weekend

Patrick DjPm Hansen: is working like a champion.

Britnee Raquel is on: her own tonight...

Arianne Akerman: is ughhhh time to study for spanishhhhh =(.

Alan John McCafferty: is vibing out to 90's hip hop.

Kandice Barreda: just wants to take her astronomy test!

Elysa Wilson: is a laughing panda.

Ryan Christopher Boone: is watchin the s/bowl this year just for the commercials. I'm not a big fan of the 2 teams that are playing.

Mary Kortenhoeven: is nervous about groundhogs day...

Stacey Howell: thinks the steelers don't deserve the win! so many bad calls!

Chinese

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sword performances, where students did graceful dances with swords. Professors from Purdue West Lafayette also danced a traditional dance known as Ta Ge and a modern Chinese dance was done by PUC students.

A couple of skits were performed; student Ge Rong and visualization specialist John Moreland acted out a hilarious parody about learning Chinese, NWI Chinese schoolchildren acted out a tongue twister in their native language and PUC students acted out a "New Version of Snow White". There was also a Cheong-sam Model Show, which showed PUC students in traditional dresses.

The program did take a somber turn though, when PUC students sang the songs, "Death Won't Keep Us Apart" and "Tomorrow is Even Better" as pictures of the May 12 2008 earthquake that hit Sichuan China scrolled on the screen.

After the show, guests were treated to a Chinese buffet consisting of Chinese noodles, squid, seaweed and cakes, among other things, as a raffle was conducted. After dinner, there were games of skill and, to end the night, karaoke.

The Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, is one of the most important traditional Chinese holidays. People in mainland China and Taiwan often call it the Lunar New Year. Like America, their New Year begins on the first day of the first month, but the years are different (i.e. it's 2009 for American culture but in China it is the year 4706 due to the different calendars). China also names their new years by an animal (like year of the snake). This year, 2009, is known as the Year of the Earth Ox.

Traditionally, Chinese New Year is celebrated for 15 days, ending with the lantern festival. Many also don red clothes because the color red helps ward off evil and brings good luck and fortune for the New Year. Also, the Dragon Dance is another tradition to bring good luck and to symbolize the festivities of the Chinese New Year.

2009 is the year of the ox. The zodiac symbol represents prosperity, Fortitude, and hard work.

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PUC students performed a traditional Tibetan dance. All costumes at the event were meant to symbolize the ancient culture of China and the celebration of the New Year.

Children from the NWI Chinese School recited Chinese tongue twisters in a challenge Saturday.

Top: Performers demonstrated the Taiqi Sword Dance, a traditional Chinese custom.

Bottom: The hosts of the Chinese New Year celebration. They introduced each performance for the audience.

The Children's Choir of the Moon's Homeland from the NWI Chinese School sang a customary song in honor of the new year.

Economy

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"As such, there should be no impact on the services provided to our students," said Johnston.

He also said a raise in tuition would not be decided until the start of the new fiscal year in June which would be effective for the fall 2009 semester. He does not foresee a harmful impact on federally funded financial aid.

Johnston said the university is anticipating more reductions in the near future and is seeking to incorporate flexibility in responding to such reductions. He said PUC will act in a manner that shields students from most of the negative impacts.

While the reduction in appropriations is being covered with reserves, Cohen said in his bulletin that future special projects will be delayed.

"The reduction in the state R&R payment and the further deferral of unpaid prior year appropriations will result in the delay of certain maintenance projects," said Cohen. "Current projects scheduled for upcoming years will be further reviewed, and available funds will be shifted to those with the highest strategic priority."

Johnston said projects which have already been initiated will continue. The phase two of the University Village is still scheduled for occupancy in the fall. Yet, state funding is still being sought out for the new Emerging Technologies Building that will house the schools of Nursing and Education, and the Biology department.

"Projects which are still in the planning stage will be placed on hold until funding can be assured," said Johnston.

At the December Board meeting, Purdue President France Cordova said the Special Merit program will be suspended for the year to conserve funds. The Special Merit Pay program is made to recognize and reward exceptional faculty and staff that contribute to PUC's strategic objectives.

Other such cuts in the university's budget will be determined on which ones have the least impact on the core mission and strategic objectives. Reviews for a new budget will continue until the actual state appropriations are made known at the end of the current legislative session in late April.

Cohen and Johnston remain positive and endorse flexibility in dealing with a more conservative budget. They emphasize that all actions are being taken to prepare for the worst and still uphold the education of PUC students above all else.

"As we face these uncertain economic times, we will strive to insure that our resources are used efficiently and allocated appropriately toward our core mission and strategic objectives," said Cohen. "Working together we can emerge from these uncertain times stronger and well-positioned to meet challenges ahead."

Recent car break-ins

Police are searching for anyone who has information on two incidents of theft that occurred in two different parking lots Jan. 22. Around 2 p.m., a victim's window on her white and blue Mitsubishi was smashed and her purse was stolen. At 3:30 p.m., another victim's window on her newer model, blue Nissan was smashed and her wallet was stolen.

The theft took place in two different parking lots, one in the SUL parking lot and the other in the parking lot behind Porter. The university police said the events are possibly related.

Police said the thefts occurred while the parking lots were still full so there is a possibility someone saw the incident. They said if students have any information, to call their number (1-219-989-2220). Students can remain anonymous.

What do you like most about the Super Bowl

Charmilia Jeffries
Freshman
Business Accounting

Touchdowns. I like to see who is winning and who is not

Eric Rakovszky
Freshman
Journalism

Being around other people and getting their opinion on who the best is

Kenny Beckett
Sophomore
Mechatronic Engineering

It's very clique, but the commercials because they are hilarious. I like this Super Bowl because no one expected the Cardinals to get in.

Christopher Parker
Freshman
Undecided

Probably the tailgate parties and chilling with friends.

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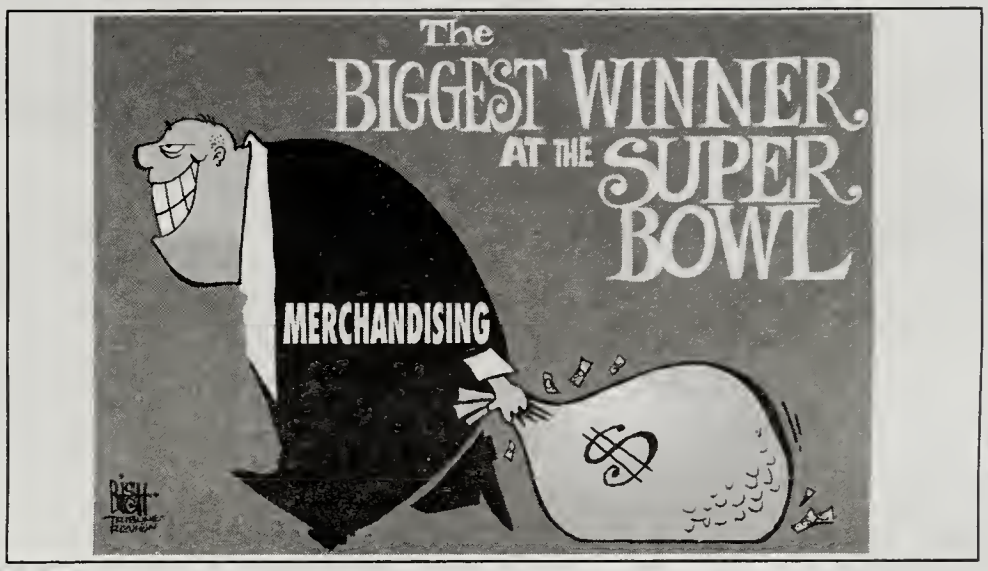

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PUC without SGA

The issue: SGA has not been active for almost a year.

Our opinion: Without SGA, students opinions are going unnotices in certain situations

When the student government went down so did the student representation in the school. At the moment there is an interim staff and they are currently busy making changes to the constitution. In the mean time, there are issues on the campus that have no student representatives to help solve the problem. One of the organizations that could possibly be taking advantage of that is the Chartwell's Dining Services.

Since the Student Government Association has been hiatus, Chartwell made some changes to their time and menu. The Oaken Arbor Café used to be open until 6 p.m., but now closes at 3 p.m.. This leaves fewer options for people who want to eat during dinner time period, especially if the consumer want's to eat a hot meal that isn't made from the microwave.

This hurts consumers who used to buy off of the dollar menu. Members of the SGA worked to get a dollar menu established on campus. Once the SGA was inactive, the value menu was removed. The value menu gave more options for students to purchase food under two dollars. On the menu included items like hamburgers and chicken fingers. Without the value menu Chartwell does not have as many options for students with only a few dollars that do not have meal plans.

Until the SGA becomes active, there really isn't an organization that is able to fight or protest some of these decisions made on campus. The sooner the SGA gets back into business the sooner students will have an organization that can fight these issues for the students.

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Why technophiliacs scare me

Steven Vander Velde
Managing Editor

Technology scares me. I make no secret of that. I use technology and consider it a great tool, but there is no mistake it is changing our society into something reminiscent of the one described in George Orwell's "1984."

The first thing that scares me is text messaging. I never understood it until I got it on my phone to better keep in touch with my girlfriend. I always saw the "text slang" and all those abbreviations as exactly what Orwell called "newspeak" in his novel. It degrades the beauty of language and turns what could have been bright teenagers into babbling, nonsensical social vampires. For some reason this high school girl I used to work with would talk to me on Facebook and it never failed that I would be completely baffled as to what her wall posts were trying to say. They were littered with text language that was like a rape on my sensory input and I thought I might have a seizure at the screen. And guess what...she was an avid texter. That is why I absolutely refuse to censor my language and use abbreviations in my text messages.

That brings us to Facebook: *The ultimate in dirty dreams of* stalkers everywhere. It is amazing how people will whore themselves out on Facebook to people they don't even know. It's like even the creepiest kid in high school is quite the socialite because when it comes to Facebook, nobody cares who sees their racy photos or where they live for that matter. And what is with those statuses? I see people on there who always have their entire day spelled out in there status and even include when and where they will be. All I get out of these people is this: "Please, for the love of all that is good in the world, think I am important and spend time with me...I'm just so lonely."

I also confess I have a Facebook, but I only have like 70 friends, and they are all people that I actually know. They all came to me too (which is flattering in a weird sort of way). I see it as a great tool to stay in touch with people from the past and present. It is not a tool with which to express your angst, cry out for attention or make you feel good about yourself because some 800 random people accepted your friend requests. That is pathetic.

So you may notice I use these few technologies that I have space to complain about, so that makes me a hypocrite right? No, because I don't abuse them. They are tools. But we go too far when they become ways of life that degrade what it means to be human. And don't even get me started on Bluetooth.

Have feedback? Readers can contact Steven at chronicle_managing_editor@yahoo.com or (219) 989-2547.

The Circuit City Effect

TJ Creech
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The closing of Circuit City will result in the loss of over 34,000 employees

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Circuit City announced it would be filing for bankruptcy and closing some of its 567 stores in November. Jan. 16, they announced they could find no bidders and were filing for Chapter seven bankruptcy, thus liquidating all their assets and going out of business. Circuit City was the second largest electronic chain in the United States, employing over 34,000 employees that now will be given a 60-day notification of their termination.

Sales for this holiday season were one of the worst in 40 years, seeing drops across the board. Company officials said they did not take the threat of Best Buy over-powering them seriously and did not focus on the long-term.

According to Circuit City, warranties are serviced by third party vendors so they will still be usable. Gift cards, however, are a different story. Circuit City gift cards are only good as long as the store remains open, so if anyone was given a Circuit City gift card anytime soon, now is the time to use it.

In a recent press release, acting Circuit City CEO James Marcum stated, "We are extremely disappointed by this outcome." In our troubled economy, it does not help to see a major retail chain go out of business. In Northwest Indiana, there are two Circuit City locations, one in Schererville and one in Hobart, which together employ around 130 workers.

One of worst things to come out of all this is the uncertainty of the economy. If a retailer chain as large as Circuit City can fail, then most logically the next question must be: Who could be next? However, business is business and Best Buy and Wal-Mart are not complaining, as they now have one less rival to deal with. The simple fact is consumers now have one less store to buy from, and while this may not seem like a very big deal, it is a reality that Best Buy and Wal-Mart are now the two largest electronic retailers in the region.

However, all hope is not lost; it is possible that someone could still buy the electronic company known as Circuit City, and it could stick around for awhile, but nobody should hold their breath.

While the closing of Circuit City may be a sign of the times, other retailers, such as Game Stop and Game Crazy are still doing well, with the recession seemingly not affecting them at all. One thing is for sure, the closing of Circuit City came as a surprise to many, and may have some affects on the region, but only time will tell.

"We are extremely disappointed by this outcome."
- Circuit City CEO James Marcum

Netflix taking over movies?

Mark Farner
Assistant Entertainment Editor

Trying to rent a new release from the local video store, but it's nowhere to be found on the shelf? Maybe it's behind the counter? Good luck there, friend. Just get in line behind people arguing over late fees, talking way too loud over cell phones or demanding to know where the non-existent DVD re-winders are.

Local video stores may carry plenty of movies, but odds are they don't carry nearly as many as Netflix.com. For around $10 a month, this online movie service offers a massive library to browse from and even mails DVDs directly to a member's home in postage paid envelopes. Depending on what plan is chosen, one DVD or more is sent with each mailing, with no limit to how many can be exchanged in the same month. Best of all, there are no late fees. The user adds their picks to a queue and the first will arrive within a few business days.

Even the best of us have trouble deciding what to watch sometimes. Netflix helps by matching movies that are relevant to the viewer's interests. Other users write reviews for almost every movie. Netflix compares these reviews to the viewer's history and gives a percentage of how close they are in tastes. A member can gain the insight of an extra opinion or, if they think they have it all wrong, they can write a better review. Members can even see what movies are most popular in their local area. Movies can be browsed by genre, top 50, top 100, new releases and many more. Netflix will even remember the user's movies and present new choices based on what has been rented before.

Some people are too busy to bother with sliding DVDs into envelopes and searching for mailboxes, but no worries there. Netflix makes it possible to watch movies instantly, thousands of movies in fact. A basic plan is one DVD per mailing and unlimited instant movies. And instant really means instant, meaning no ads or trailers to sit through, simply the movie the viewer wants to watch when they want to watch it. With a little internet alteration, movies can be played directly through the TV or another media device.

The interface is, for the most part, very user-friendly and easy to navigate. Simply search for the movie that is wanted. Netflix isn't just movies either. If a TV seasons goes to DVD, chances are good it will be on there. Add all the discs from a volume and they'll be on queue. Anyone can be watching their favorite episodes in a matter of days.

Two major advantages Netflix has over local video stores are the convenience involved and the sheer amount of movies to choose from. There are even older and obscure movies that won't be found at a local video store.

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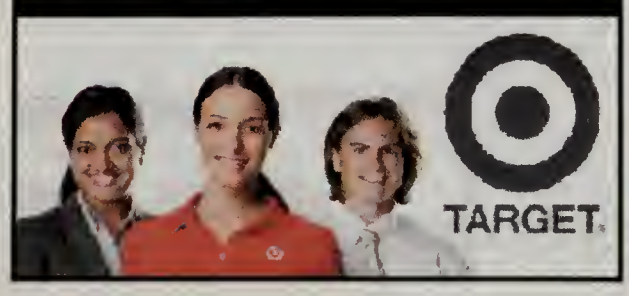
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New action film rivals Bond flicks

LeAnne Munoz
Entertainment Editor

Liam Neeson stars in the new thriller "Taken," which rivals James Bond classics

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Looking for a movie chock-full of action, suspense and intrigue, all within the first half-hour? Look no further than "Taken."

This film follows the character of Bryan (Liam Neeson), an ex-CIA agent and divorcee, who has moved to the United States in order to be closer to his 17-year old daughter Kim (Maggie Grace). Kim tells her father she has been invited on a trip to Paris with her best friend, and begs him to allow her to go. Having experience on the dangers of what may be lurking around, Bryan agrees, but only on the condition that his daughter will call him once her flight has landed.

Hours pass, and Bryan has yet to hear from his daughter. Finally, he decides to call her, and is relieved to hear she is all right; for now. A few minutes into the conversation, two men break into the apartment Kim and her friend are staying in, intent of kidnapping both of them in order to sell them into human trafficking.

Through the phone, Bryan explains to his daughter she will in fact be kidnapped, and to shout out any information she may see that would be helpful in finding her. As she is kidnapped, Bryan must listen in horror as his little girl is taken away by men he has now vowed to find and to kill.

"Taken" is definitely an action-packed thriller that keeps the audience on the edge of their seats. *Many times, action movies will fail* because the plot may seem unrealistic or the characters a little too intense, but this film does not have that problem.

The plot of the story is very real and plausible, with many travelers being kidnapped for human trafficking everyday. Even though *some of the events that happen* within the story may seem a little far-fetched, the audience is able to take most of them for what they are: really good action sequences.

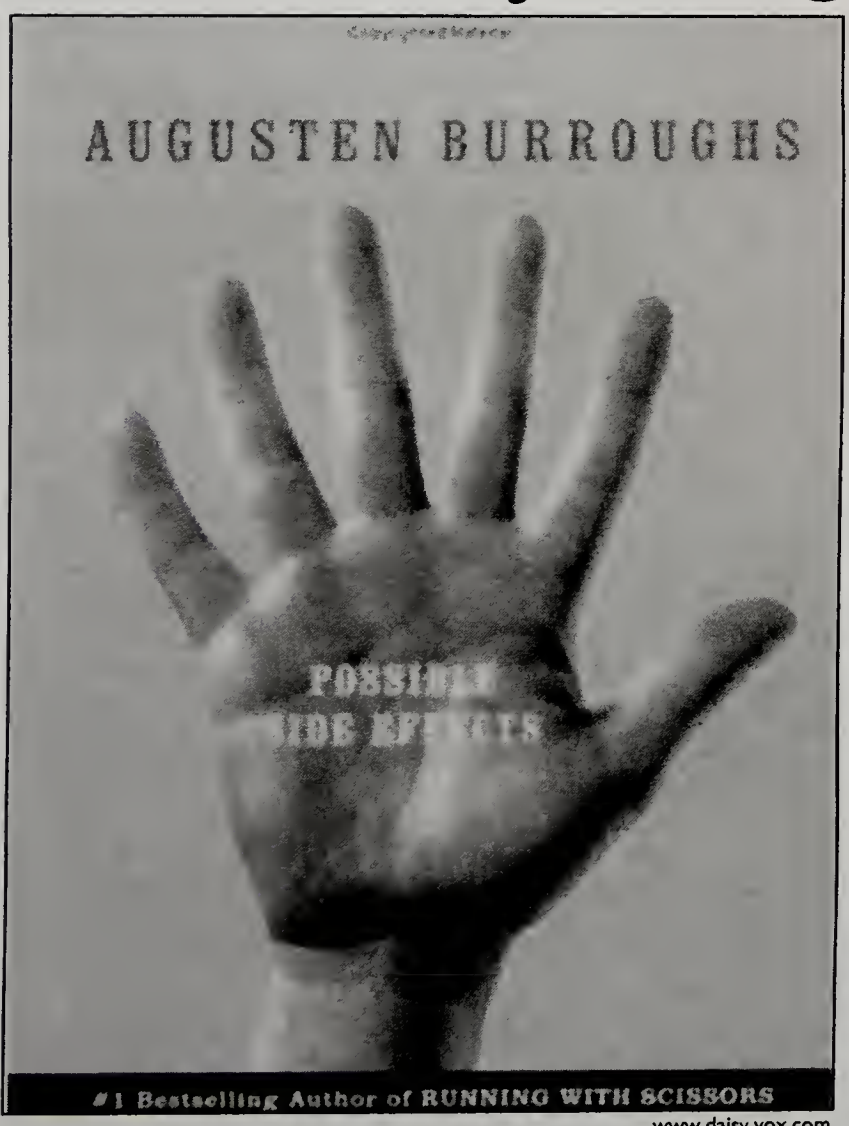
Liam Neeson does wonders with his portrayal of Bryan, by allowing the viewer to see the pain and desperation he feels with the kidnapping of his daughter, and *also the vengeance he feels he must* carry out on her behalf.

The hand-to-hand and close-quarter combat sequences are somewhat mesmerizing for the audience, filmed expertly and surprisingly detailed, with Neeson's character becoming more Bond-like with each passing scene.

This film leaves the audience wishing that it were possible for them to do half the stunts Liam Neeson attempted, and also leaves them with new thoughts on vacationing alone. Overall, this film was everything an action movie should be, and definitely worth the price of admission.

5 STARS

Novel anything but 'Dry'



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"Dry" tells the unique life story of Augusten Burroughs

Elly Eveland
Staff Writer

We all have weaknesses inside us, lurking to be discovered, but being ruled by a weakness can ruin lives and destroy people. "Dry" by Augusten Burroughs is a memoir about an alcoholic gay man and has allowed his addiction to run his life. Every choice he makes, everything he does, revolves around alcohol.

Augusten comes to work intoxicated and hung over, smelling of alcohol, tired and irritable. These stunts happen many times, finally forcing the bosses at his job at a marketing company to give him an ultimatum: he can either quit his job or go to a rehabilitation center and get help.

Augusten chooses the rehab center. He goes to group therapy and is very disgusted with the people he encounters there. He is forced to participate in therapy and relive childhood events. He then goes through pain, embarrassment and a detoxification period, all of which contribute to his growing hatred of the rehab center.

Eventually, after avoiding his fellow drug and alcohol abusers, he meets a nice British guy who is also in rehab. They become friends and grow very close, and talk of living together when they get out of rehab and starting a life together.

Finally, the day comes when Augusten does leave the rehab center. He goes back to his life and attends Alcoholics Anonymous meetings in his town, not able to bear going to bars or have drinks of any kind.

-He goes a very long time without consuming any alcohol, but finally temptation becomes too much for him. Augusten has a relapse, and crazily plummets downward in a spiral of despair that he seemingly cannot get back up from again. It seems as though he will never resurface.

This memoir is very powerful and thrilling, telling the tale of a poor man just trying to live his life and beat his addiction. Augusten goes through much pain and suffering to try to get a grip back on his life. In the book, his lover/long-time friend, Pig-Head, tries to help him and treats him with love and support. The reader is able to relate to the way the character of Pig-Head is described, and Burroughs did a great job talking about the love and hate relationship between the two characters, leaving the reader riveted.

"Dry" also tells the tale of a man struggling to get a hold of his existence, and could possibly help many people to battle struggles or addictions that they might have.

Burroughs' writing was real, and he didn't leave out certain situations or sugar-coat anything. He told the reader the true story of what really happened to him, making it even more enticing to read.

This book was very inspirational and entertaining, motivational and well written. The humor within the book was dark and sarcastic, adding an edge to the novel. If anyone is looking for a book to make them rethink what they are living for, this is the one to choose.

4 STARS

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1.23.09 - UV - 3:30 p.m.
Eviction papers were served to a student at the University Village.
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Subjects were removed from Porter Hall who were caught riding skateboards in the building.
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1.25.09 - Parking Garage - 11:55 p.m.
Officer found a parking gate broke off in the parking garage. Maintenance will repair the damage.
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1.26.09 - Lot 7 - 6:30 p.m.
Theft - Victim advised that their vehicle had been broken into and the radio was missing. Later the victim called back and said a family member had removed the radio. The case is cleared.
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1.28.09 - Lot 1 - 12:30 p.m.
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February 2
Partly Cloudy
24°/12°

Tuesday
February 3
Snow Showers
19°/6°

Wednesday
February 4
Partly Cloudy
21°/15°

Thursday
February 5
Partly Cloudy
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February 8
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Officials for the New York Mets said season ticket sales are doing well for the new ballpark. Especially popular are the new "first six innings" and "April through August" plans.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court has ruled that high school cheerleading is a contact sport. Although most of the contact is with a stripper pole 5 years later.

Aptly named former NBA player Corie Blount was recently busted with 11 pounds of marijuana. Or, as Ricky Williams calls it, a single serving.

Bobby Bowden has signed a one-year contract to coach a 34th season at Florida State. Bowden has been at the school so long he remembers when football players actually had to take their own exams.

And former NFL star Michael Strahan has been chosen to host the fourth season of Spike TV's "Pros vs. Joes." The show is not to be confused with "Pros vs. Hoes" which is a documentary about a Minnesota Vikings' boat cruise.

A recent poll encourages Shane Mosley to retire on top, after his destructive victory over Antonio Margarito. For non-boxing fans, "retire" is an industry term for "wait until I'm bored, and demand more money."

The Celtics will be without Brian Scalabrine indefinitely after he sustained his second concussion in three days. When reached for comment, Scalabrine said, "fire bad!"

Manny Ramirez remains unsigned. And ungroomed.

The Lingerie Bowl has been cancelled due to a conflict over the amount of nudity allowed in the event. On the positive side, football fans can still look forward to seeing the Arizona Cardinals thoroughly undressed.

And Ken Griffey, Jr. could return to play for the Mariners, saying he wants to be in familiar territory. Which we can only assume means last place, in an empty stadium.

The New York Yankees have received an additional $259 million in public funding. The team is expected to use the money on half an outfielder.

Atlanta Hawks guard Acie Law has bet a friend $10,000 that the Dallas Cowboys will win next year's Super Bowl. Law will probably lose, but that's just because he's on the Hawks.

Bucks guard Michael Redd will miss the rest of the season with a torn ACL and MCL. In other words, Milwaukee is now SOL.

Veteran pitcher Brandon Lyon has agreed to a $4.25 million, one-year contract with the Detroit Tigers. Maybe a Detroit Lyon will finally win a game.

And Mark Gottfried has resigned as Alabama's basketball coach. In related news, Alabama's Jewish population has been cut in half.

The NBA could be headed towards a lockout in 2011. Luckily many of the players have a history of breaking and entering.

A Greek basketball team is looking to take on one of several NBA players including Stephon Marbury, Jamaal Tinsley, Jason Williams or Steve Francis. I'm sorry, did I say Greek basketball team? I meant Greek charity.

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New rules established in basketball call out

Nathyn Gibson
Editor-in-Chief

On Thursday, captains of teams interested in playing intramural basketball met in the FRC building to discuss the upcoming season. Intramural Sports Coordinator Matt Dudzik explained the rules and introduced a few new rules to this year's season and explained limitations of people who are allowed to be on teams this year.

According to Dudzik, only students and staff with a valid gym membership will be allowed to partake in the season.

"We don't want any people from public [and don't want students] trying to sneak people in," said Dudzik.

The rule was established to keep the games fair and more enjoyable.

"Last year, people were bringing in ringers ... and stacking their teams and that's no fun," said Dudzik, "We want to keep this as balanced as possible."

There will also be a restriction on Peregrine basketball players playing. Dudzik and men's basketball head coach, Dan Voudrie, mutually decided that basketball player who are eligible to play next year, will not be able to play in the intramural. Dudzik says the woman's basketball coach did not have a problem with his players playing after the season ends.

Another new feature is the all-star game, as scorekeepers referees will decide will decide who the MVP of each game is. A set date

"We're not looking who the high scorer is, because most of the time that's the person just being a ball hog," said Dudzik.

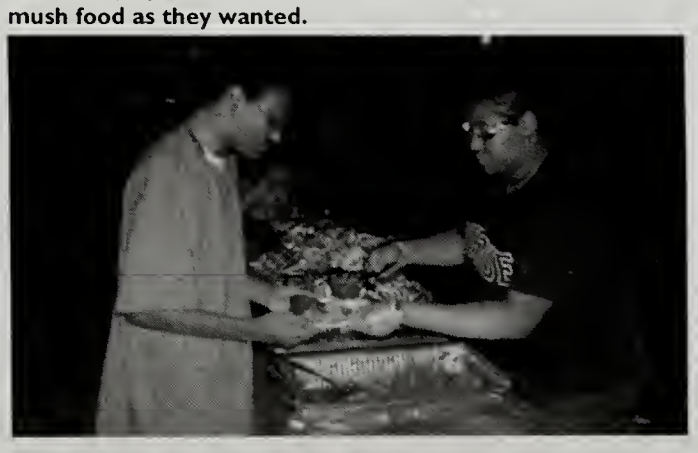
A date for the all-star game has not been set yet but may take place around the time of play-offs.

Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson
Matt Dudzik explains some of the new rules added to the basketball intramural.

PUC is ready for some football!

Chronicle photos by Nathyn D. Gibson
(Above) Students and faculty gather to watch the Super Bowl.

(Below) Junior Robin Richards puts food on freshman Erik Rakovszkys plate. For $2, student were allowed to eat as mush food as they wanted.



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PUC wins one and loses one in double-header

Nathyn Gibson
Editor-in-Chief

The men and women Peregrines kept busy on Saturday as they faced Trinity Christian College on Saturday, in the FRC. The Lady Peregrines dominated their game with a score of 81-58, while the PUC men's team had results that were less than desired as they lost 62-89.

The Lady Peregrines started the first half talking the lead early, and maintained the lead to the rest of the first half with a score of 47-32. They would outscore the Trolls in the second half, scoring 48-27.

"Once we got the lead [we] were playing a little more tentative. We were being more patience and our defense was what won it for us today," said Coach Tom Megyesi, "Our defense created offense."

Stephanie Beck, along with LeKeisha Hurst, were the only two players in the game to score double-digit points in the first half, as Beck added 11 points to the Peregrine's score.

"Stephanie Beck played both ends of the floor today. She scored offensively and played great defense," said Megyesi, "We needed that contribution from her."

Three Lady Peregrines scored double-digit points by the end of the game, including Stephanie Beck, Sara Keilman, and LaKeisha Hurst. Hurst got a double-double as she scored 26 points and got 15 rebounds. According to Megyesi, Hurst's mother flew in Florida as a surprise, to what her play.

The men Peregrines was unsuccessful in defeating the Trolls in the second game. PUC had momentum going into their game after defeating Purdue North Central. PUC had trouble in the first half, getting outscored 35-41.

"[Trinity Christian College] hurt us on the board today and than some of their role players stepped up and made huge buckets," said Coach Dan Voudrie

Three PUC players scored double-digit points, including Antonio Hurt, Kris Krstevski, and Kevin Thomas. Thomas was the top scorer of the game, scoring 21 points for PUC

"His effort has been constant like that all year," Voudrie said, "It's was great to see Kevin get rewarded for the effort that he gives"

It's was a decent game in terms of numbers, but it's still frustrating to lose by 20," said Thomas.

The Men's and Woman's Peregrines will remain busy this week as they travel to Deerfield, Ill. to face Trinity International University in Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Games. On Saturday, they will travel again to the Hammond Civic Center in another CCAC game.

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Top: LaKeisha Hurst shoots and scores for her team. Hurst had a double-double for her team as she scored 26 points and got 15 rebounds. Hurst scored more points than anyone in the double-header.

Bottom Left: Antonio McNeal was able to score 13 points for the Peregrines.

Bottom Right: Kevin Thomas was the top scorer in PUC's game against Trinity Christian with 21 points.

Peregrine says

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Jodi Katti, 6, imitates PUC mascot, Victor, during the Men Peregrines game against Purdue North Central. Jodi is the daughter of PUC chemistry teacher Anita Katti.

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